
Present

- Fr. Regie, Fr. John Paul, Ruth, Jude, Harlene, Joe, Ashley, Sidney, Nathan, Eva, Cecil – special guest was seminarian Alexander.

Apologies

- Fr. Jack, Phi, Deacon John.

Agenda

1. Welcome & Opening Prayer (5 mins)
2. Minutes of last meeting approved/Actions from Previous meeting (5 mins)
3. Feedback from the AGM (15 mins)
4. PPC formation ongoing & discernment day next year – thoughts (25 mins)
5. Parish Formation – Thoughts? - How could FORMED be part of it? (30 mins)
6. Other business (5 mins)
7. Closing Prayer (5 mins)

Welcome & Opening Prayer

- Opening Prayer – Fr. Regie
- Welcome by Ruth who chaired the meeting.
- Previous minutes okayed by Cecil & Fr. Regie

FUP on Actions from Previous meeting

Last meeting

- FUP with the purchase of the 'FORMED' App for the parish and work-out how it would work – **Joe A - Completed** – Decision on whether to go for the USD700 for 350 licences or USD1450 was left to Fr. Regie – Cecil to follow through with Fr. Regie & then Joe – Decision to go with full USD1450 by Fr. Regie - **Completed**
- Sub-committee to finalise a new set of PPC objectives within the Statutes – Fr. John Paul to convene and complete before 1st Oct – **Completed** – tabled at the meeting
- Confirm if 100 people are allowed at the MPA based on latest COVID - social distancing rules – **Fr. Jack - Completed** – Yes 100 people are allowed
- Send communication advice & documents to the Parish Team and get ready to communicate – **Ruth - Completed**
- Clarification message to readers to stay with the words in the lectionary when doing Readings at mass – Clergy Team – **Fr. Jack Completed**
- Circulate the RE curriculum communication sent to schools or as obtained from a Principal – **Eva - Completed**

Feedback from AGM

- Looking forward to the Youth ministry in the Parish
- Couple were happy to be there and were grateful to be invited – personal invitations seemed to work
- Questions were raised by Parishioners about 2 statutes – 1. For the statutes to be passed they should be presented at the AGM at which only the PPC members vote and 2. Who votes to elect the next Parish Council – should it only be those that are nominated or should we allow outgoing PPC members (who will not be nominated) to also vote – These 2 statutes will be looked at again by the sub-committee and a proposal submitted for the PPC to ratify and pass for next year.
- The proposed statute changes voted at the AGM have been sent to the chancery and no changes of the mission statement can be made officially in the Parish till their approval is given.
- A letter was sent by a Parishioner to our 3 priests providing feedback on some statements in Fr. Regie's report and the Parish objectives in the PPC report presented by Cecil. As the letter was addressed to the priests the matters could not be discussed openly (preserving the privacy of the individual) and it was decided that Fr. John Paul would respond to the Parishioner along with an invitation to meet with the priests & Cecil to clarify the intention & details of the reports in question.
- A second letter was sent by another Parishioner also to our 3 priests & the deacon requesting to be taken off the roster of the Ministers of the Altar – post the AGM presentations. Given that the matter was not addressed to the PPC the contents were not discussed and it was left to the recipients of the letter to provide individual responses. However the Leader of the Ministers of the Altar would be informed regarding the removal from the Roster.

PPC formation ongoing & discernment day next year

- 16th Jan'21 was agreed as the date to have a discernment day, exploring Mulgoa as a venue and with Robert Haddad as a possible resource to help with the following topics
 - "How do we overcome the barriers that prevent us from creating a Catholic Culture within our Parish?"
 - how do we take parishioners on the journey (even the ones who do not necessarily agree with our plans),
 - how do we create a strong catholic community
- Ideas for the Agenda included – adoration, formation, time for discernment, 1 or 2 sessions with Robert H, some time for planning a calendar of activity (consecration of the PPC & its mission to Mary as a lead example of consecrating the parish to Mary – using Louis Marie de Montfort's book), what could we learn from 2020's issues, what could we do to help parishioners that are struggling, or any areas that we have been missing, or exploring the social/outreach aspects of our mission.
- We could use FORMED for our monthly formation – Lectio to our Lady or consecration to St. Joseph.

Parish Formation – thoughts – how could FORMED be a part of it?

- Parish formation could also be discussed at our Jan planning day. FORMED as the tool to support our catechesis.
- Some of the ideas floated included - Using a series in FORMED – form small groups who all watch the series during advent – Cecil. Besides using FORMED – we would need another channel of printed work if we want to get to more people to participate- Ruth. Have small groups after mass who could watch some series on FORMED together for 20mins – Jude. Promote Symbolon in FORMED to be watched in groups after mass – Fr. Regie. It was decided that these ideas will be taken up next year, in the meantime;
- Parish Formation should cover all the 3 objectives – including the Bible timeline being planned for next year – these will be discussed at the formation day on 16th.

- Advent Booklets to be ordered by those who wish to attend on Tuesday morning & evening or those who want to use the booklet in groups – people to register after Sunday Mass.
- Promote FORMED and show how people to use it – PPC members to be rostered and give personal testimony of using FORMED for not more than 5 mins.

Other business

- Suggested to have Vinnies added to the list of ministries in the Parish Bulletin
- Prayer groups in the Parish have also being doing outreach as part of their ministry besides praying – Ruth to fup with the groups to find out about their outreach effort and publish this in the Bulletin
- Members of the Social Justice group walked through the streets of Blacktown looking for homeless – need our support.
- Closing Prayer – Fr. John Paul

Actions

This meeting

- The Statute sub-committee to relook at the 2 statutes raised above and a proposal formulated and presented back to the PPC to be ratified – Statute Sub-committee
- Send a letter to the Parishioner with an invitation to meet & discuss feedback provided on Fr. Regie & the PPC report – Fr. John Paul;
- Seek to book Mulgoa for 16th Jan'21 – Fr. Regie
- Seek to engage Robert Haddad as a resource to support our formation – Joe
- Create a roster of PPC members giving personal witness of using FORMED as a form of promotion = start from Nov'29th onwards – covering every mass at least once in the 4 weeks – 29th evening mass of the Deanery to be covered by Gabrielle (Jude & Ruth's daughter) - Ashley
- Ensure Vinnies is added to the list of ministries in the Bulletin – Cecil to fup with Anne
- Talk to the various ministries listed in the Parish Bulletin and find out the outreach activity they are doing and add this to the Bulletin – Ruth.

Previous meetings - Outstanding

- Invite more families to assist in the Baptism ministry - Ruth
- Get additional support for Children's Liturgy Ministry – Ruth M – Postpone action
- Continue to read the Evangelii Nuntiandi & reflect internally – Whole Team
- Explore the possibilities to amalgamate the Legions of Mary of the Sudanese community and the normal Legion of Mary ministry in our Parish – PPC members

Next Meeting/s

Formation Day on 16th Jan 2021.